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JURY LIST IS DRAWN FOR MAY TERM OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

The list of jurors for the May term of court was drawn yesterday by Clerk Teale of the Superior court. The jury will report on Tuesday, May 22, for trial service. Sixteen criminal cases will come up at this term of court. Most of the cases are for minor infractions of the law and bootlegging.

Two of the most important trials will be for murder. The first one to be called will be the state against Floyd Smith, charged with the murder of Vincent (Harry) Ballard, whose body was found in Secret Pass last January. Ballard, it is charged, was killed by Smith and the body was dynamited to hide the crime.

Another important murder trial will be that of Ed. Cuff, charged with killing Jack Lacey at Hackberry on March 14 last. Seven direct informations against alleged bootleggers have been filed by Prosecutor Stewart. Since the first of the year 107 criminal cases have been disposed of, and the calendar has been greatly reduced in volume.

Following is the list of names drawn for the trial jury session:

I. C. Stricker, Wm. Watchman, Clifford H. Almy, E. E. Stone, Earl Castee, E. E. Walker, C. A. Dutton, Wm. D. Grannis, H. C. Crafts, J. W. Heyer, R. J. Petty, John Olson, H. H. Gray, James Curtin, M. B. Lauzon, Ray L. Robinson, Wm. Klein, J. J. Ward, Jas. E. VanDover, R. O. French, Edmund M. Rabb, J. B. Chamberlain, C. J. Walter, Vernon Hubbs, James Jackman, W. R. Fitch, W. H. Cooke, Frank Sladek, Ben F. Maddux, Frank Gulley, Henry Frehner, Geo. A. Bonelli, Morgan J. Jones, F. P. Andreas, W. M. Neagle, Harry L. Hoskins, C. W. Clinton, Ike Bartholomew, Eli Hilty, L. F. Rothe, L. J. Parker, G. H. Clack, Alva T. Jones, Harold C. Hawks, Thomas Horne, J. B. Knorr, P. S. Virgin, C. R. Richard, Lucien Zuffer, Leon M. Quigley.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MAKES BIG STRIKE

Report comes from Mineral Park that the George Washington mine has entered one of the best bodies of ore ever encountered in the mine. The ore is being opened in the drift from the tunnel level, where good ore was encountered some weeks ago. The ore is rich in native and ruby silver, carrying values in gold and copper.

The management of the George Washington has been driving ahead at a rapid rate and the showing that each day brings forth is truly wonderful. The ore body has been getting larger and larger as the drift reaches into the mountain and the values are higher than at any other point in the mine.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADJOURNS SESSION

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) The county board of supervisors adjourned its monthly session yesterday afternoon without taking action on the calling of an election for the voting of bonds for roads or hospital. It was found that no appointment of highway commissioners may be made before early in June, although it is understood that a big petition for the calling of the road bond election will be filed at the next meeting of the board.

EXCAVATION PROCEEDING

(From Sunday's Daily Miner.) The removal of the dirt from the excavation for the basement of the new building on Beale street that is to be built for Armour, Jacobson and Gruninger is fast nearing completion and as soon as it is completed, active work will be commenced by the contractors, W. G. Gruninger & Son, of Kingman.

George Long of the United Eastern mine at Oatman was in Kingman yesterday on business.

Finds Rich Ore Vein In Digging In 80-Foot Well

(From Saturday's Daily Miner.) Well-digging has proven more profitable for Chris Hoffman of the Chloride district than mining. While digging a well near the old Silver Hill property Thursday afternoon Mr. Hoffman cut into a silver vein two feet thick. The ore is said to show high values. He is contemplating working the property.

The ore vein was struck by accident. Mr. Hoffman was down about 80 feet with the well, which he was digging mainly to protect water rights he has in that vicinity. Mr. Hoffman is an old-time miner of Mohave county, where he has been operating for many years. J. E. Sharkey of Chloride brought the news of the discovery to Kingman yesterday.

Yucca "Banana" Crop This Year Will Be Heavy

The Yucca forest between Yucca and McCracken is just now breaking down with its burden of "bananas." This fruit, when ripe, is a mass of sugar, and from it could be extracted enough of the saccharine matter to sweeten the lives of all the peoples of the southwest. At least 100,000 tons of this fruit could be gathered from this great forest. The fruit ripens gradually, the farthest south ripening first, and as elevation is gained later ripening takes place.

Why should we have to plant sugar beets, when nature provides the necessary sweet stuff right at our doors, and of better quality than the beet.

HUNDREDS ATTENDED POLIN BROS. OPENING

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) The opening of Polin Brothers' new recreation parlors in Oatman Saturday night was a great success from every standpoint. From 8 o'clock in the evening until 3 in the morning the splendid new store of the Oatman agents for the Mohave Daily Miner was filled with people from all over Mohave county, including many visitors from Kingman and Needles.

Souvenirs were presented to hundreds of ladies and refreshments were served to all visitors while a continuous program of entertainment was put on, including free dancing from midnight on, when the Oatman orchestra furnished a fine program of music.

The new soda fountain in charge of "Doc" Lyons bids fair to prove the most popular soft drink headquarters in the county. The billiard parlor and reading room is another center of attraction presided over by C. R. King of the Oatman Labor Union.

Manager Dale Clark states that over 700 people visited the store of Polin Brothers during the evening.

Polin Brothers plan to give a special entertainment in the near future known as Kingman night, when Kingman people are especially invited to visit the new enjoyment parlors. There will be free dancing for all as well as other entertainment.

OATMAN TO FORM DEFENSE COUNCIL

A mass meeting has been called for 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon by residents of Oatman for the purpose of organizing a local council of safety and defense. The meeting will be held at the St. Francis hotel in Oatman. The call urges all persons who are interested in the movement to attend the meeting. Several speakers will explain the objects of the council and emphasize the need of co-operation with the state committee.

The Kid Has Gone to the Colors

(By W. M. Herschell in the Indianapolis News.)

The kid has gone to the Colors
And we don't know what to say;
The kid we have loved and cuddled
Stepped out for the flag today.
We thought him a child, a baby,
With never a care at all,
But his country called him marf size,
And the kid has heard the call.

He paused to watch the recruiting,
Where, fired by fife and drum,
He bowed his head to Old Glory
And thought it whispered "come!"
The kid, not being a slacker,
Stood forth with patriot joy
To add his name to the roster—
And God, we're proud of the boy!

The kid has gone to the Colors;
It seems but a little while
Since he drilled a schoolboy army
In truly martial style.
But now he's a man, a soldier,
And we lend him a listening ear,
For his heart is a heart all loyal,
Unscourged by the curse of fear.

His dad, when he told him, shuddered,
His mother—God bless her!—cried;
Yet, blest with a mother nature,
She wept with a mother pride,
But he whose old shoulders straightened—
Was grandad—for memory ran
To years when he, too, a youngster,
Was changed by the flag to a man!

WALLAPAI METALS COMPANY OPENS A TEN FOOT VEIN

(From Tuesday's Daily Miner.) Yesterday the drift from the 100 foot level of the Wallapai Metal company mines, 15 miles east of Kingman, had passed through 10 feet of vein matter and still had failed to reach the wall. Eighteen inches of the vein is said to be rich ore, the values being in gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc. The ore was entered 55 feet from the station, a greater distance than had been figured on when the shaft was started from the surface.

The Wallapai Metals company owns a big group of claims, many of the veins showing excellent surface prospects. The main vein of the group was selected for developments, and it appears that the promoters of the enterprise were correct in their diagnoses. Superintendent Lauzon is pleased with the result of the work and is pushing the crosscut to the other wall as fast as possible.

John H. Conway, R. C. Jacobson, I. C. Stricker, B. F. Noehl and others of Kingman are interested in the property. They were all highly elated yesterday over the strike, and believe they have one of the best things in the north end of the Wallapais.

ELKS THEATRE GETS NEW \$1,000 CURTAIN

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) Manager Lang of the Elks' theatre has just installed a \$1,000 "perspective" curtain that makes the pictures clearer, brighter and shows the same at all angles from a distance or close up. It is a secret process, metallic curtain and does not affect the eyes, as there is no flicker whatever. Manager Lang is confident that the picture "Joan the Woman," which will be presented tonight, will be seen to its very best advantage because of this new curtain.

NEW AIR COMPRESSOR

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) A large air compressor for the Town mine in the Chloride section is standing on the machinery platform on the west end of Front street. The big teams of Lovin and Withers company will take it to that property, where it will be installed and put to work.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR CHAUTAUQUA OPENING SATURDAY

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) With the arrival in Kingman yesterday of Miss Edith Martin, advance representative of the Redpath-Horner Chautauqua company, active preparation for the Chautauqua which will open next Saturday was begun. Decorations and banners were put up and efforts of the committee selling the tickets were redoubled. Large chautauqua streamers and banners urging the people to purchase their tickets immediately were hung across the streets in the downtown business section.

William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, and who at various times has been close to President Wilson, will speak in Kingman under the auspices of the chautauqua next Tuesday, May 15. A number of other prominent speakers, lecturers and entertainers will appear during the week of May 12 to 18, inclusive.

KINGMAN MAN IS CALLED BY ARMY

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) Among the names of those who have been chosen to take instruction for officers in the army at the Presidio, is that of Gerald F. H. Delamer. As a small boy he resided with his father, H. J. Delamer, in Kingman. The elder Delamer was then operating the Temple Bar placers on the Colorado river in this county. Young Delamer was educated in Dublin, Ireland, and returned to America only two years ago.

COUNCIL OF SAFETY MEETS

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) Yesterday evening the County council of Safety met at the courthouse, Judge John A. Ellis presiding. Reports of the committees were received and a large amount of necessary business transacted. The committee is getting matters shaped up to furnish the necessary information demanded of the Council of Safety, and when the committees complete the work assigned them the State Council of Safety will be in possession of a great deal of important information.

TAXES NOW ARE DELINQUENT; PAY UP AT ONCE, OR BE SUED

Mohave county is to conduct its business on a cash basis in the future, according to plans just announced by County Treasurer I. N. Hart. Delinquent taxes are to be collected as they become due, or suits will be filed by the treasurer and county attorney. County Attorney S. D. Stewart is sending out notices that the taxes are due and payable at once.

The taxes became delinquent last Monday, May 7. A penalty of 10 per cent attaches, and in addition 4 per cent of the total is allowed for collectors' fees. Suit may be filed, the state law provides, at any time, but it is expected that the mere announcement of delinquency will prove sufficient in most cases.

The delinquent tax roll now is not more than \$10,000. The annual tax roll amounts to \$211,000, on an assessed valuation of approximately \$16,000,000.

The total tax in Mohave county is 13.5 mills, including 4 mills for state purposes. This is considered a low rate of taxation, but it is pointed out that a lower rate still would be possible if the exact valuation of the property were turned in by the owners.

The board of supervisors, acting as the county board of equalization, will meet June 14, to make up the tax roll for 1917. The state board of equalization will meet in Phoenix August 10, when the assessments will be passed on and the state mill levy fixed.

Burro Hides To Be Used To Make Leather For War

(From Wednesday's Daily Miner.) A new industry has been started in Mohave county. A number of junk dealers who have been shipping out of this section for the past year or more are now procuring the hides of the wild burros that run in the hills and shipping them to the markets. Just what use they are to make of them was not learned. It is presumed they are to be used for making leather for war purposes as the hides are all salted down and shipped in barrels of brine. If it should develop that the hides of these little animals prove anything near as durable as the animal itself, a pair of shoes made from their hide should wear a man's lifetime.

KNIGHT PURCHASES MOHAVE LAUNDRY

(From Tuesday's Daily Miner.) An important business transfer was made yesterday through the agency of the Mohave Securities company. The Mohave Steam laundry which was founded fourteen months ago by W. J. Johnson passed from Mr. Johnson's control to J. Harry Knight who will begin immediate improvements and enlargement of the business. The business is an especially prosperous one and a real asset to Kingman and Mohave county and ranks as one of the advance steps in the upbuilding and growth of the town. Mr. Johnson from a very small beginning, developed a business that outgrew its capacity several times and in order to care for the constantly increasing trade he added new machinery and threw out the old that had proven inadequate for the demands. The laundry is now better equipped than many such institutions in towns many times the size of Kingman.

Mr. Johnson will remain in the employ of Mr. Knight for the present.

RAY CONSOLIDATED OUTPUT INCREASES

(Special to the Miner.) PHOENIX, May 8. A record breaking production of 8,006,843 pounds of copper in March by the Ray Consolidated Copper company shows new possibilities for earning this year. The March production compares with 7,767,663 pounds in January and 7,117,898 pounds in February, and makes the total production for the first quarter of the year, 22,952,404 pounds.

Allowing for the increased production that is made possible by warmer weather, it is indicated that Ray Consolidated should, this year, produce close to 100,000,000 pounds of copper, on which, based upon its costs of last year, it should show a profit of between \$16,000,000 and \$17,000,000, as compared with more than \$12,000,000 in 1916.

J. E. Shank returned from a visit to the Oatman section yesterday, where he has been for the past several days attending to his mining interests.

ELKS HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE TO MEMBERS

(From Sunday's Daily Miner.) The local lodge of Elks kept open house last night for their members and visiting brothers. The entire building was thrown open and a good time was supplied for all. Card tables were arranged throughout the lodge room and lounging room, and here those not caring to dance were able to sit and enjoy a card game.

Shortly after the close of the picture show the music arrived and the dance began. In the later part of the evening refreshments were served to all the guests. It was apparent that all enjoyed the social evening, and look forward to another entertainment by the local lodge of B. P. O. E. No. 468.

COOLIDGE IMPROVING

(From Saturday's Daily Miner.) Harry Underwood is in Los Angeles, where he went recently with Fred Coolidge, to place that gentleman in a hospital to care for his injured arm. A telegram was received from Mr. Underwood Friday evening, stating that Mr. Coolidge was improving and that the opinion of the surgeon was that he would be able to leave the hospital for home within the next ten days.

SPRING ROUND UP

(From Sunday's Daily Miner.) The spring cattle round-up has been on in full swing since the first of the month, and the work is being rushed by the cattlemen to finish before the weather gets too warm.

The work was held up this year by the lack of feed, time having to be given to the stock to gain strength to stand the trials of the rodeo.

Abe Jones is a new arrival in Kingman from California. He is one of the old-timers of Mohave county, but has been away for some time past, and expresses himself as surprised at the growth of this town.

Arizona High School Boys To Be War Farmers

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 4.—Plans were announced today for a novel scheme to aid in harvesting crops in the Salt River valley with the aid of boys of the high school. It is proposed to enlist 200 pupils in eight companies. Each company will have a camp outfit, including a kitchen on wheels, just as the soldiers do. Each company, enlisted for 90 days, will go into camp in some farming center from which bands of four or five boys under squad corporals will go upon order from the field marshal in Phoenix to the aid of farmers making requests, attacking crops just as though in the field of war. It is figured the boys will do \$60,000 worth of labor in the 90 days.